

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/764,810

Examiner

Bernard Dentz

Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☐ This communication is responsive to ____.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-18.
3. ☐ The drawings filed on ____ are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date ____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date ____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 5-27-2004
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date ____.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other ____.

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows: P. 1 after the title - -This application claims the benefit of Priority of German Patent application No. 10305391.3 filed February 11, 2003, and the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/482,295 filed June 25, 2003. - - has been inserted.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The instant 3 step procedure appreciably differs from the corresponding 3 step procedure of Chartrain et al , U.S. Patent 5,792,871 cited by applicants in that the first step is performed in aqueous solution in the presence of inorganic base and thus the alkali or alkali metal salt of acetylpyridine oxime instead of acetylpyridine oxime is produced. The 3 step process produces product of unexpectedly higher purity than the reference process. The process can be run continuously without isolation of intermediates. The second step of the process, see instant claims 16-18, differs from the reference is that the salt of the oxime rather than the oxime is used as a reactant and the reaction is done in a biphasic mixture of water and water-insoluble or sparingly soluble solvent. This is important because the tosylation reaction in pyridine is highly exothermic and the dry tosyl oxime is liable to violent decomposition. See Chung et al cited by applicants.in note 5 at p. 6742.

The following 2 references were found as a result of an Online search in Chemical Abstracts, and are cited as of interest. Sharghi et al discloses a solid phase oximation of acetylpyridines catalyzed by potassium carbonate to produce the oxime (not the metal salt thereof). Sharma et al discloses the production of the sodium salt of 2-acetylpyridine oxime by addition of 2-acetylpyridine to a MeOH solution of sodium. See p. 67 under Experimental.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Bernard Dentz whose telephone number is 571-272-0683. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri from 8:15 to 4:30PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Cecilia Tsang, can be reached on 571 272-0562. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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